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## PIER TASK FORCE MEETING

House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street, Room 145  
Annapolis, Maryland

September 18, 2009

**10:00 Welcome, Introductions, Review Task Force Goals and Agenda**

Jay Sakai and Gary Setzer

**10:15 Overview of Common Law Rights and Statutory History**

Adam Snyder (Invited)

**10:30 Review of Existing Pier Regulations**

Rick Ayella

**10:45 Common Pier Issues**

Rick Ayella, Robert Rushlow

\*Reasonable access

\*Competing uses of the waterway

\*Siting criteria

\*Configuration

\*Channelward encroachment

\*Length, width and height

\*Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

**11:00 Environmental Impact of Long Piers**

Bruce Vasilas, Professor of Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Delaware (Invited)

**11:30 Overview of other States Regulations**

Robert Rushlow, Michael Breen

**11:45 Questions, Summary and Wrap-up**

**12:00 Adjournment**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	PROPOSED TOPICS
October 16, 2009	10:00	House Office Building 6 Bladen Street, Room 145 Annapolis, MD	Open meeting to obtain public comments on regulation of piers
November 20, 2009			Discussion / Draft Legislation
December 18, 2009			Review Final Legislative Package